CHARLOTTESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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CANINE TEAM	Date: December 10, 2019
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I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Charlottesville Police Department to provide guidelines for the proper management and control of the Department's canine team.

II. PURPOSE

The Police Canine Team will be operated on a year round basis. The Canine Team will maintain a flexible schedule so that they can respond to any situation where departmental objectives are most effectively accomplished.

A limited number of the enclosed City of Charlottesville Police Department General Orders have been redacted. The redactions ensure that that Police Department's operational and tactical responses are withheld for community and Officer Safety (e.g., bank alarm response, response to an active threat, and Tactical Operations).

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